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**PRESS RELEASE**

**FROM: CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION REQUESTS COMMENTS**

The Montgomery County Charter Review Commission is seeking suggestions from County residents on amendments to the County Charter. The Charter is the constitutional framework for County Government. Charter Section 509 provides for an eleven-member Charter Review Commission to study the Montgomery County Charter.

The Charter requires that the Commission report to the County Council in May of 2004, with its recommendations for possible Charter revisions considered by County voters in November 2004. The Commission is requesting the views of residents, civic groups, organizations, County agencies, employees, and other individuals. The Commission hopes that County residents will take advantage of this opportunity to present their opinions on how County Government operates and what Charter revisions may be necessary to make government work more effectively. A copy of the Charter may be obtained by contacting the Council Office at 240-777-7900.

Suggestions should be submitted to the Charter Review Commission in writing by October 31, 2003, c/o County Council, Stella Werner Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, 5th Floor, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Comments may also be e-mailed to [www.CharterReviewCommission@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:www.CharterReviewCommission@montgomerycountymd.gov).

The eleven-member Charter Review Commission is appointed by the Council every four years. Its meetings are open to the public. No more than six members are from the same political party. The current members are: Kenneth Muir, Chair, Barbara Smith Hawk, Vice Chair, Julie W. Davis, Mollie N. Habermeier, Cheryl C. Kagan, Michael W. McKeehan, Javier Miyares, Sylvia Brown Olivetti, Randy Scritchfield, Robert M. Skelton, and Shelton Skolnick.